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In re application of: DAVID C. HOVDA et al.

Examiner: Lee S. Cohen

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**AMENDMENT**

Title: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR  
ELECTROSURGICAL TREATMENT OF  
TURBINATES**

Mail Stop Non-fee Amendments  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2003, please amend Claims 26-41 and add new Claims 42-46 as set forth in pages 2-5 herein. The Applicant hereby petitions for two months extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to file a reply by March 7, 2005. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0359 for the extension. If another fee, or a credit, is due on this Application, please charge or credit the amount to this account. This reply is thus timely filed.